

# South Dakota 2014 National Fire Academy Courses

To pre-register or any questions contact the SD State Fire Marshal's Office  
(605) 773-3562 phone or [fireinfo@state.sd.us](mailto:fireinfo@state.sd.us) e-mail

Students must pre-register at least 45 days before the class is held. This allows the NFA time to order class materials and to arrange the instructor. A minimum of 15 students is required or the class will be cancelled.

## January 25-26, 2014

### **Decision Making for Initial Company Operations (F0457)**

Sioux Falls Fire Rescue Training Center  
2820 S. Minnesota Ave.  
Sioux Falls, SD 57105-4735

Decision Making for Initial Company Operations is designed to develop the decision making skills needed by Company Officers (COs) to accomplish assigned tactics at structure fires. All activities and scenarios used in this course are based on structure fires. As a Company Officer (CO) with the real possibility of being the first to arrive at an incident, the CO's initial decisions will have an impact throughout the entire incident. It is vital that they be able to make good management decisions that have a favorable impact on the eventual outcome. In addition to a possible role as the initial Incident Commander (IC), the CO may well be assigned a subordinate position within the ICS organization. COs need to have a clear understanding of the system, the position they are assigned, and their role in the organization if they are to function effectively and help make the system work.

## February 3-8, 2014

### **Management Strategies for Success (N0824)**

Sioux Falls Fire Rescue Training Center  
2820 S. Minnesota Ave.  
Sioux Falls, SD 57105-4735

This 6-day course provides the company officer with basic management skills and tools to perform effectively in the emergency services environment. Subjects covered include management traits, becoming a supervisor, cultural and legal considerations, ethics, leading

others, communications, and leading your part of the organization. A student-centered discovery learning methodology is used throughout this course.

### **March 22-23, 2014**

#### **Leadership I for Fire and EMS: Strategies for Company Success (F0803)**

Sioux Falls Fire Rescue Training Center

2820 S. Minnesota Ave.

Sioux Falls, SD 57105-4735

This 2-day course presents the company officer with the basic leadership skills and tools needed to perform effectively in the fire service environment. The course includes techniques and approaches to problem-solving, ways to identify and assess the needs of the company officer's subordinates, methods for running meetings effectively in the fire service environment, and decision making skills for the company officer.

### **April 12-13, 2014**

#### **Preparation for Initial Company Operations (F0458)**

Pierre Fire Station #1

215 West Dakota

Pierre, SD 57501

(Formerly Managing Company Tactical Operations: Preparation (MCTO:P)) This course is designed to develop a better understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Company Officer in preparing their company for incident operations. In addition, to clarify the transition from firefighter to company officer and the new roles relating to leadership and safety. This course is designed for company officers, acting company officers, or senior firefighters responsible for the management of a single fire company at an emergency incident. Those officers who are responsible for company readiness, personnel safety, and leadership as it relates to company operation.